

Service Date: March 24, 1988

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER Of The Application)	
Of SHELBY GAS ASSOCIATION For)	UTILITY DIVISION
Authority To Decrease Rates And)	DOCKET NO. 87.11.67
and Charges For Natural Gas)	INTERIM ORDER NO. 5306a
Service.)	
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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Shelby Gas Association (Applicant) applied to this Commission for an order authorizing a decrease in the rates Applicant charges for natural gas service. The application sought authority to decrease rates in order to reflect all cost decreases resulting from rate decreases granted The Montana Power Company (Company) in Docket No. 87.10.58.

2. On March 23, 1987, the Commission's Interim Order No. 5301a granted the Company a natural gas rate decrease.

3. Order No. 5301a will result in decreased purchased gas costs to Applicant.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Shelby Gas Association is a "public utility" furnishing natural gas to consumers in the State of Montana. As such, it is

subject to supervision, regulation and control of the Commission, Section 69-3-101.

2. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the Applicant's Montana operations pursuant to Title 69, Chapter 3, MCA.

ORDER

1. Shelby Gas Association is hereby granted interim relief reflecting Findings of Fact in this order.

2. Such relief is to become effective for services rendered on and after March 23, 1988, and remain in effect until such time as a final decision is reached in this matter.

3. The rates shall be collected upon a constant uniform cents per Mcf basis.

4. Interim revenues granted herein are subject to rebate should the final order in this Docket disapprove this interim revenue.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION AT HELENA, Montana this 23rd day of March, 1988, by a 5 - 0 vote.

DOCKET NO. 87.7.44

ORDER NO. 5288a

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BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CLYDE JARVIS, Chairman

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

TOM MONAHAN, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Carol Frasier
Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See 38.2.4806, ARM.